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through unfair competition. We need to do what we can to assist the department in ensuring that only legal gambling is conducted. This bill would help by simply giving the Charitable Gaming Division the additional administrative authority to deny a gambling license to those who have been determined by the Liquor Control Commission to have engaged in an illegal gambling activity, but not have been...but have not been criminally prosecuted. That is, in a nutshell, what the...what the bill does, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, there are committee amendments. Senator Janssen, as Chairman, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 1126.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The committee amendments, specifically, limit the illegal gaming activities addressed in the bill to activities that occurred on or after the effective date of this act. This was suggested during the hearing on the bill. And both the committee and the department found it favorable. It clearly provides that people...provides people time to understand the full consequences of their action, and that there could be consequences upon the charitable gaming license. So it is only on or after the effective date of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the committee amendments by Senator Janssen. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator. Members, I was the only member of the General Affairs Committee that voted against this. I generally felt that it is bad public policy to have one regulatory agency, meaning the Revenue Department, piggyback off the hearing processes set up under another regulatory commission, that being the Liquor Commission. I also had collateral problems with the idea of possibly a...an establishment being cited for some type of illegal gaming activities, and ultimately not being convicted of any criminal offense, and yet, through a Liquor Commission hearing, lose their gaming license. It was my general feeling during the committee hearing that the Revenue Committee ought to...Revenue